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## DEMOCRATIC SENATORS DIVIDED

Disruption and division seem to pervade the ranks of the Democrats in the United States Senate to even a greater extent than these elements obtained in the House of Representatives while the tariff bill was being considered.

On Wednesday the Democratic senators held a four hours session in an effort to determine upon a course to be pursued by the party with regard to the tariff bill now pending in the upper house. The sum total of these deliberations was that the minority will unflinchingly favor an income tax amendment.

The meagreness and hollowness of this result will be realized when it is recalled that the United States Supreme Court more than a dozen years ago pronounced an income tax unconstitutional. It is true that the high court rendered this decision by a bare majority of one and that the personnel of the bench has been somewhat changed since that date. But a study of the later additions hardly gives ground for the assumption that the court would reverse itself should the question again be brought before it.

It is stated in the dispatches of Wednesday that "the discussion indicated a desire to follow the Democratic doctrine of a tariff for revenue only, but there was great divergence of opinion as to where the revenue question ceased when rates were under consideration."

Right there is the rub. Some of the senators, it is further stated, "frankly admitted that they would ask for protection for the industries of their states. The South was divided upon the question of lumber and other articles peculiar to that section."

Doubtless there are in the South many industries whose very existence hinges upon a certain amount of protection, but there is no evidence that the lumber industry is one of these. In all the Southern states the trade is now practically monopolized by great organizations of capital. These corporations have formed themselves into a compact organization and their representatives meet at regular intervals and agree upon prices that the consumer shall pay for the products of the lumber mills. One of the most gigantic of these monopolies we in Virginia have at our very doors. There is no line of industry, not excepting the standard Oil Company, a more arbitrary or greedy corporation than the North Carolina Pine Association, whose scope takes in a large section of Virginia as well as the North Carolina territory.

The tender solicitude being shown by some Southern Democrats in both houses of Congress for this amalgamation of capitalists is all the more surprising in view of the fact that these same Democrats have been ardent advocates of the purchase by the national government of the Appalachian range of mountains in order that enough of the South's territory

might be conserved to protect the water sheds that the flowing streams might not be dried up or further depleted.

Besides, the last Democratic national convention contained the following plank:

"We demand the immediate repeal of the tariff on pulp, print paper, lumber, timber and logs, and that these articles be placed upon the free list."

There is no hope, no future for a national political party which vociferously proclaims its everlasting fidelity to a certain principle while a campaign is on, and proceeds to demonstrate as soon as the time for real action comes that its professions were mere hypocritical vapors.

## SPECULATION IN NECESSITIES.

It is encouraging, but not altogether reassuring to hear from Washington that the Federal government is considering legal action against the speculative Shylocks who have succeeded in cornering the country's wheat market at Chicago, and are raising the prices upon this necessity day after day to any figure which happens to please their fancy, only confining their greed for gain within bounds beyond which they dare not go lest a public uprising result.

It is said that President Taft is anxious to assail the Patten "corner" in wheat, but doubt prevails as to whether there be upon the statute books an act adequate to meet the situation.

It should be understood that Patten and his associates have not tied up the country's wheat supply, raised the price of flour and of bread by outright purchase of the commodity. The grain is being held on margins, representing but a fraction of the actual value of the wheat—a straight-out gambling proposition, nothing more nor less than betting high or low, with a fractional deposit to back the wager. Of course it required business astuteness and considerable capital to bring about this condition. But this is not the first time that it has occurred.

Joseph Leiter in 1893 executed precisely the same sort of coup upon his fellow gamblers on the Chicago board of trade, and for months the people suffered from the extortions exacted by that master of the game of chance.

Congress has had more than ten years in which to enact legislation which would check this species of outlawry, but neither house has given even respectful consideration to any one of the numerous bills introduced having that end in view.

If Congress and the people cannot be otherwise moved to action, it is to be hoped that Patten and his friends will carry the price of wheat to \$5 a bushel, which would raise the price of flour to about \$25 per barrel. They probably should do it in a week's time, and would but for their fear of the wrath of the populace.

## NO CHECK UPON EXTORTION.

"Uncle Sam is forcing the Sugar Trust to pay back some of the money siphoned from the public treasury by means of false weights, but there is no indication that any check is to be put upon the Trust's siphoning from the pockets of eighty millions of consumers by means of the tariff on refined sugar."—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot.

And the same, or even greater consideration, is being shown the American Tobacco Company, which has been convicted in a United States Circuit Court as an unlawful monopoly in restraint of trade, whose scope is nearly world-wide.

## CABELL BEING BOOMED FOR HEAD OF THE TICKET

Reported That Richmond Postmaster is Choice of Republicans in Eastern Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., April 15.—Royal E. Cabell, postmaster of Richmond, may be the nominee of the Republican party for governor of Virginia. Leading men of the party in the eastern districts of the State have been considering seriously a proposition, suggested for the first time when the State Republican committee was in session in Lynchburg, to consult with Mr. Cabell and ascertain definitely whether he would consent to have his name submitted in Newport News in July.

In the meantime prominent men in the party councils here, without the knowledge or consent of the postmaster, have been quietly working an interest in a Cabell boom, which may be launched openly in a few days. Questioned regarding this movement one of the leaders of the Republican party in Richmond acknowledged today that Cabell was considered by the politicians in the eastern half of the State the most desirable man for the head of the ticket. He said the Richmond postmaster had

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powerful influence in Washington during the Roosevelt administration, but his strength was much greater with Taft administration. In the national councils of the party, he added, the name of Cabell is pre-eminently associated with the higher standard and increased strength of the Republican party in this State. President Taft has shown a personal interest in Mr. Cabell ever since the memorable visit of the then nominee for President to Richmond.

The enormous audience that greeted Judge Taft in the horse-show building and the cordial reception he received were set down by the Taft campaign managers to the credit of the Richmond postmaster.

From reliable sources the information comes that Norfolk, Newport News, Petersburg, Portsmouth, Alexandria, Fredericksburg and more than one-half of the counties of the State can be relied upon to rally at the first call to the Richmond man for the gubernatorial nomination in the event that he is persuaded to oppose Gillespie, Hughes or any other probable candidate for the nomination.

The movement to bring out Cabell, it is understood, has been encouraged, if not inspired at the National capital.

## HARDY DENIED NEW TRIAL AND IS SENTENCED

Convicted Murderer of T. G. Jones Goes to Electric Chair on June 5.

SUFFOLK, VA., April 15.—Judge James L. McLemore today refused to grant a new trial to Samuel Hardy, under sentence of death for the murder of Tiberius Gracchus Jones. The opinion read by the court in denying the motion of Hardy's lawyers covers seventeen typewritten pages.

When Hardy was asked, if he had any plea to make why sentence should not be pronounced, he said:

"Judge, I can only say what I have said before, that I am innocent."

Judge McLemore then sentenced Hardy to die in the electric chair June 5th.

His counsel announced that an appeal would be taken to the State Supreme Court. Hardy was placed in the murderer's cell and the death watch set. He was calm all through the scene, which was most dramatic. The court room was crowded. All the lawyers were present except Col. George C. Cabell, Jr.

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## DIE ON DIFFERENT DAYS

Three Different Days for Execution of Powhatan Murderers.

## GOVERNOR REARRANGES PROGRAM

Two to Meet Their Fate on April 30;

Two More on May 5 and the Fifth

Man Two Later—Superintendent

Request the Change.

RICHMOND, VA., April 15.—Governor Swanson has decided to so divide up the execution of the Powhatan murderers as to prevent the electrocution of all five of the negroes on the same day.

Judge Hundley, of the Circuit Court, for reasons which were good, deemed it his duty to decree that all of the condemned men should go to the electric chair April 30th, though he, as well as everyone else, realized that this order, if literally carried out, would mean a gruesome day's work at the penitentiary, where the prisoners are now confined.

The news of the terrible duty imposed on him brought a feeling of decided discomfiture to Captain Evans F. Morgan, the superintendent of the penitentiary, for while his duty, he felt that such a wholesale killing would make the atmosphere of the prison decidedly depressing on the appointed day.

## Major Morgan's Letter.

He accordingly had a conference with Governor Swanson about the matter, and this was followed up by the explanatory letter of April 13th, which appears below:

"You will recall the talk I had with you several days ago in conference to the electrocution of the five men from Powhatan county. It is absolute, I would be glad to have you re-schedule Joe and Isham Taylor until the 5th of May and Lewis Jenkins until the 7th of May."

"I am afraid to undertake the execution of more than two men on the same day."

"Hoping that this will meet with your approval, and that you can re-schedule the men until the above dates for the reason given, I am, etc."

According to the rearrangement of dates for the respective electrocutions, John and William Brown, father and son, will die at the hands of the law April 30th, the date originally fixed.

Joe and Isham Taylor will follow the Browns to the chair May 5th, and May 7th Lewis Jenkins, in a similar way, will execute his offense of participating in the dastardly murder of Mrs. Mary Skipwith and Walter G. Johnson.

Jenkins will have a companion in misery on the day he dies, for on the same date another negro, Howard Toler, of Pulaski, is also to meet his doom. Toler had no part in the Powhatan crime. His offense was criminal assault.

The executions mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs are "double" only in the sense that they will take place on the same dates—that is to say, no two men will be killed simultaneously.

The chair accommodations only one occupant at a time. Therefore the murderers will have "to take turns."

As yet none of the detailed plans for the terrible work have been announced, but it is to be assumed that the doomed men will follow quickly after each other when their final hour comes.

Berry Seaborn, a Greensville county negro, convicted of robbery, rape and assault, will die in the chair tomorrow morning. It can, therefore, be seen that this deadly engine of destruction is to claim seven victims between now and May 7th.

Today's action of the executive is not designed to show clemency to any of the five Powhatan negroes, but is taken in order to relieve the electric chair, as far as possible, of its odious significance, and to relieve the penitentiary officials from a duty which necessarily would greatly tax their nerves and sympathies.

By the change of program the two Taylors gain five days of life, while Lewis Jenkins has a whole week added to his troublesome existence. It is not explained as yet why Major Morgan fixed the dates in the order he did, though even the Browns, who are to die first, will hardly think that those to follow them have much the better of the situation.

It is said that the most light-hearted of all the seven doomed men is Berry Seaborn, who is to be shocked to death tomorrow. Berry has been consistently cheerful since his incarceration, and his main object in life now seems to be to eat. He has fattened considerably since he was taken to the penitentiary.

## FIFTEEN YEARS FOR ATTEMPTED ASSAULT

Norfolk Youth is Found Guilty of Molesting Fourteen Year Old Girl.

NORFOLK, VA., April 15.—H. N. Bateman, the Brambleton boy charged with attempted criminal assault upon 14-year-old Blanche York, was convicted in the Corporation Court upon his second trial today and given 15 years in the penitentiary. The defense was that Bateman in the very act where the girl was attacked had

shortly before been held up by unknown negroes, who probably attacked the child while she was on her way home from work after dark. A motion was made for a new trial and Bateman went to jail.

The trial today was behind closed doors. It consumed several hours, but the jury was only out a few minutes. Commonwealth's Attorney Tilton prosecuted and Attorney T. J. Randolph defended Bateman.

The evidence today was much a repetition of the first trial. The child positively identified the prisoner and the circumstances surrounding his conduct led the jury to its verdict. Dr. Meredith testified that when he first saw the child she could not say whether a white man or negro had attempted to assault her.

It was shown that the child was struck on the head and very roughly treated.

## THE OVERLORD OF THE SEA.

Swordfish is Undisputed King of All That Swims.

The swordfish, "the overlord of the sea. Neither the whale, the shark, nor any other giant of the deep, can conquer him in private fight or public brawl. Nevertheless, he is peaceful in the main and seeks the simple life, amusing himself often with world-wide travel and always with delicate gustatory joys. He is the daintiest feeder that swims, always kills his own game and thereby insures its freshness. Wherefore his flesh is a delight to the palate of mankind—as far west as Bridgeport, Conn.—and wherefore, again, men go forth to kill him for market, and thereby at times fall upon adventures that make the hunting of tigers and the shooting of grizzlies pale into pastimes for the weary weakling."

"For the bold swordfish is still hunted in mode as primitive as that the Eskimo uses to kill the stupid whale, and often the sting of the harpoon changes this luxurious ocean gastronomy into a raging water-devil, quick to perceive his advantage, charging with the speed of a bullet and the accuracy of a swordsman up against the lone fisherman in the dory who tries to bring him to gaff. Then must the fisherman measure with exactness the lunge of the monster, avoid it by a marvel of nice side-stepping in a plunging dory, or he will be spitted like a lark."—William Inglis, in Harper's Weekly.

## Hurt by Will's Conditions.

To Bertha Schultz, a young dressmaker in Hamburg, Germany, \$10,000 was bequeathed on condition that she never married a man engaged in an intellectual occupation. She is already engaged to an accountant, and she and her fiancé are now endeavoring to persuade the law that the work is purely mechanical.

## Y. M. C. A. Bowling Contest.

The bowling contest at the Y. M. C. A. last evening was between teams No. 6, composed of C. H. Hewins, M. Tiggor and Arthur Hall, defeating team No. 1, composed of E. Distel, H. R. Smith and G. B. Bradford. The score was close through out, the finals showing 1,293 points for team No. 6 and 1,260 points for team No. 1.

Teams No. 7 and No. 5 will meet tonight.

There will be sixty games given as prizes to the teams winning highest score in points and the large number of games.

## Mr. Bickford Gets Contract.

Mr. James Van Allen Bickford, the "sand man," has been awarded the contract for supplying the quarter-master with filling ground inside the fort, and also the contract for the G. A. Fuller Company to fill around the new library building.



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## Motion for New Trial.

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 15.—For Duncan B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper recently convicted of the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack, attorneys filed a motion for a new trial today.

## For Tariff Commission.

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